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Docket #98N-1038

Irradiation in the production, processing and handling of food

Greetings Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am writing to express my <u>urgent</u> plea that labeling of irradiated foods be mandated rather than removed. Without honest labeling, consumer choice to or not to consume irradiated food is stripped away. I believe that choice must be preserved and should not be taken away by our government.

As a US citizen and taxpayer, I hereby petition you to protect the labeling requirements for irradiated food.

Respectfully submitted,

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